

REMARKS

The Examiner has set forth an Election of Species Requirement as follows:

Species

1. species drawn to a rear-drive vehicle characterized in that when cornering the central control unit reduces the lock percentage of the differential when the accelerator pedal is pressed and increases the lock percentage of the differential when the accelerator is pressed;
2. species drawn to a rear-drive vehicle characterized by comprising two torque sensors and the central control unit controlling the regulating device to regulate the lock percentage of the differential as a function of the value of the torque transmitted by the self-locking differential to each rear wheel;
3. species drawn to a rear-drive vehicle characterized in that when cornering at substantially steady speed, the central control unit estimates the road grip of the wheels, zeroes the lock percentage of the differential when the road grip of the wheels is far from the grip limit and gradually increases the lock percentage of the differential when the road grip of the wheels nears the grip limit; and
4. species drawn to a rear-drive vehicle characterized in that when driving along a substantially straight route, the central control unit zeroes the lock percentage of the differential in normal driving mode, and gradually increases the lock percentage of the differential in sport driving mode.

In order to comply with the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species 1, readable on claims 39-61 for prosecution in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date, if so desired.

This requirement for election of species is without traverse.

Favorable action on the present application is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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